

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Global Expedited Package Services 3 (MC2010-28)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2012-34

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF AND
APPROVING CORRESPONDING MODIFICATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued July 23, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire July 31, 2013. The Postal Service requests that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement to August 16, 2013.¹

The Existing Agreement was originally scheduled to expire on July 11, 2013.² On June 27, 2013, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission

¹ See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Two to a Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, July 22, 2013 (Second Motion).

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification to a Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, June 27, 2013, at 1 (First Motion).

grant an extension through July 31, 2013 to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until a successor agreement is filed by the Postal Service for the Commission's approval. *Id.* at 1. The Commission granted the First Motion.³

On July 22, 2013, the Postal Service filed the Second Motion, requesting that the Commission grant an additional extension through August 16, 2013. Second Motion at 1. The Postal Service also filed a corresponding modification of the Existing Agreement that amends the contract's expiration date consistent with an extension through August 16, 2013. *Id.* Attachment 1 at 1.

The Postal Service represents that the parties to the Existing Agreement have not yet been able to execute a successor contract, despite the Postal Service taking steps "to avoid any interruption in its ability to provide the customer access to negotiated rates." Second Motion at 1. It states that it continues to intend to initiate a new rate docket with a successor agreement. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement be extended to ensure that continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement are maintained. *Id.*

The Second Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through August 16, 2013. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person. The corresponding modification to the Existing Agreement is likewise approved.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed July 22, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through August 16, 2013.

³ Order No. 1769, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Approving Corresponding Modification of Existing Agreement, June 28, 2013.

3. The modification to the Existing Agreement is approved.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary